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TAGS: AMED, CASC, TBIO

SUBJ: REPORT OF CHOLERA

DEPT FOR MG/MED

PHS FOR FQ

DELHI FOR DR ETZEL

REF: COLOMBO 2672

1. CHOLERA HAS APPARENTLY SPREAD FROM JAFFNA PENINSULA. ONE DEATH HAS BEEN REPORTED AND CONFIRMED AS CAUSED BY CHOLERA IN MATARA ON EXTREME SOUTHERN COAST SRI LANKA. ENTIRE ISLAND NOW SANDWICHED BETWEEN TWO AFFECTED AREAS.

2. EMBOFF HAS SPOKEN WITH HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO ADMITS HE NOW WORRIED. LOCAL FACILITIES FOR MANUFACTURE OF VACCINE ARE CAPABLE PRODUCING SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES FOR THESE TWO AREAS BUT NOT FOR ENTIRE ISLAND. GSL HAS ASKED US AND OTHER GOVTS TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL UNITS OF VACCINE (SEE COLOMBO 2730).

3. MANY RAILROAD SERVICES TO JAFFNA AREA HAVE BEEN CURTAILED AND ROADS BLOCKED IN ATTEMPT SEAL AREA AND PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE. A MASS INOCULATION PROGRAM OF KNOWN CHOLERA CONTACTS HAS ALSO BEEN INITIATED. HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THESE MEASURES HAVE NOT BEEN TOO SUCCESSFUL AS YET. AT PRESENT TIME IN JAFFNA  
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AREA THERE ARE 79 CONFIRMED CASES, OF WHICH 26 HAVE DIED.

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